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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Satoshi SHINADA, Takeo SEINO, Hisashi MIYAZAWA, Koichi TOBA, Takahiro NAKA, Minoru USUI, Atsushi KOBAYASHI, and Hitoshi HAYAKAWA  
INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK CARTRIDGE  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q67951

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/437,246 (Confirmation No. 7699) filed November 10, 1999 of Satoshi SHINADA, Takeo SEINO, Hisashi MIYAZAWA, Koichi TOBA, Takahiro NAKA, Minoru USUI, Atsushi KOBAYASHI, and Hitoshi HAYAKAWA entitled INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK CARTRIDGE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 28 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application, and a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2861.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-320113	November 11, 1998
Japan	11-56676	March 4, 1999
Japan	11-228430	August 12, 1999

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/437,246.

The Government filing fee is calculated, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, as follows:

Total claims	8 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$ .00
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